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Filed: August 19, 2003	)	Examiner: Alexander, Michael P.
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For: Induction Heat Treatment Method	)	Atty. Docket:
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Of The Invention	)	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

This amendment is an attachment to a Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently with the amendment. In response to the Office action dated December 9, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.